

I strongly oppose further efforts to de-regulate ownership, allowing large media companies to purchase more and more broadcast outlets. I write as a former broadcast journalist who got his start at a small Connecticut radio station with a strong, strong commitment to local news and public affairs. Such stations are becoming increasingly rare, being replaced by nationwide syndicated programs which provide no attention to local news. Please uphold what I see as your responsibility to ensure that television and radio stations provide outlets and opportunities for the widest range of diverse opinions and information as possible.

Thank you.